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THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE-ADOPTION OF a Phan-The Structure Describe.—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, A. Y. M., on Friday last, St. John's Day, received and approved the report of the Building Committee on the proposed new temple, to be erected at Broad and Filbert streets, and decided upon a plan for the building. The decision of the Lodge was made known on Saturday last, and occa-sioned much congratulation among the members of the sioned much congratulation among the members of the Order. The present hall, on Chesnut street, has become too small for the uses of the Order, and, while loth to leave the beautiful structure they now occupy, the Fraternity for a long time has desired one more spacious. The present building has been in use for twelve years, being dedicated on the 25th of September, 1855. For nearly a year past architects have been submitting plans for the proposed new temple, consisting of designs in all the various styles of architecture, and many have been examined by the committee of the Grand Lodge.

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After a careful serntiny of these plans, the selection of that prepared by Mr. J.H. Windria promises to give to the Order in Philadelphia a building exceeding in size and magnificence any similar editice in the world. The entire lot, bounded by Broad, Juniper, Filbert and Cothbert streets, giving an area of 150 by 250 feet, will be occupied by the new temple, the corner-stone of which is to be laid with inposing Masonic ceremonics on the 24th of June next (St. John's Day).

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As befits a building of its immense proportions, the new hall will be of granite, and in the Norman style, the massive character of this order of architecture, however, being well releved by the arrangement of the towers, buttresses, balconies, balastrades, and graceful pinnacles, which form part of the design. The four sides of the building will be of grantie, the only difference in the design being in the front on Broad street, which will present one of the most magnificent features of this grand throughfur. The building features of this grand thoroughfare. The building will be three stories in height. The front on Broad street will present two towers, one at each corner, the intervening space being composed of a handsome por-tice running to the second story, and above which will be two niches for statutes (one of Silener), the whole surmounted at the apex of the roof with a small tower, at the summit of which will be a statue of Char ity. On the face of the main front, in addition to the ornamental windows, will be in relief, emblems of the Order—the square and compass, &c. The tower at the southwest corner of the building will be the great feature. It will be 200 feet from the ground to the top of the spire, or 104 feet higher than Christ Church steeple. The four corners of this tower will be surmounted by pluna-cles, while the buttresses extending up a considerable distance, the balconies at the windows and the balus trades and general ornamentation of this portion of the structure will add greatly to the beauty of the whole design. The tower, although seemingly con-nected with the main building, will be constructed separate, in order to insure greater security. A solid foundation of fifteen feet will form the base upon which it will rest. The tower at the northwest corner of the front will be much less in height, but will con-tain in its ornamentation, the same general features. of the frost will be much less in height, but will contain in its ornamentation the same general features. The remaining three sides of the building will be relieved by buttresses between the windows, and the whole effect of the exterior will be at once massive and graceful. The portion will be at once massive and graceful. The portion of the front being 20 feet in advance of the line of the building, will still further add to the beauty of the design.

On the first floor, raised eight feet from the ground, a hall, twenty feet in width, will run the entire length of the building from east to west, and from this will start two stairways, which, it is asserted, will exceed in magnificence anything of the kind in the United

in magnificence anything of the kind in the United States. Under the northwest tower will be the office of the Grand Master, and in the rear of this will be the Grand Master, and in the rear of this will be the grand banqueting room, with kitchen, store rooms, pantries, &c., attached. The bandheting room will be 105 feet by 55 feet, and will be fitted up in a style to correspond with the character of the building. On the other side of the hall, and in front on Broad street, will be the offices of the Grand Secretary and Grand Tensurer, and in the rear of these will be the Library and Committee Rooms. The second story, or principal floor, will contain the Grand Lodge Room, three rooms for Biue Lodges, one Grand Chapter Room, and the retiring rooms required for the transaction of the business. The Grand Lodge Room will be 105 feet by 53 feet 6 inches, and in the decoration and furnishing of this apartment the prevailing color will be blue re-lieved by gold, and the intention is to make it one of the most magnificent rooms in the world. The rooms for the Blue Lodges will each be 59 by 48 feet, and handsomely decorated. The Grand Chapter Room will be 81 by 53 feet. Parlors fronting on Broad street, for the Grand Lodges will discover will address. for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will adjoin the rooms set apart for the meeting of these bodies. The third story will contain rooms for the Encampments and other purposes, and all will be fitted up in magnificent style.

The building throughout will be fire-proof, iron girders being used at all the stories, and other precautions are being adopted to guard against the destruction of the enlines. Ventilation of the most complete kind has been provided, the steam apparatus to be used for heating the building being also designed to drive a fan, to keep up a circulation of fresh air in Provision has also been made for a bountiful supply of water at every story. The entire building will be devoted to Masonic purposes, and therefore, there will be no residence connected with the hall, as heretofore. The work on the structure will be under the superintendence of the following committee:-H. M. Phillips, James C. Adams, Henry J. White, John U. Giller, Jacob Loudenslager, Danie Charles H. Kingston and the Grand Lodge

elective officers.

Instead of "by contract," the building will be erected by "day's work," and it is estimated that it will require about five years, and an expenditure of about \$750,000 to complete the temple. Work upon the excavation will be commenced in a few weeks.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATIONS OF THE YEAR. -In the following account are enumerated the particulars of the most destructive fires which have occurred in our city during the past year:-There were two destructive dies in February, both on the 27th—one at Fifth and Callo whill streets, where several buildings were burned, the loss being estimated at \$17.000, probably rather high; the other at Blondin's woollen mill, in West Philadelphia, at which the loss was set down at \$30 000. In April there were several fires which did considerable damage. One on the 1st at Johnson's ink factory, Tenth street, below Lombard, estimated loss, \$8000; one the 2d, when Schoffeld's large woollen mill, in Manayunk, was burned, involving a loss of \$175,000; one on the 6th at R. N. Buckley's furniture factory, Chesnut street, near Twenty-third, loss about \$8000. On the 7th stabling and flye horses were burned in the rear of Almond street, below Front. On the 10th, stable of Francis at Thirty-fifth street and Pennsylvania Balroad, where six horses were burned. On the 2d of May the fire at J. Rush Ritter & Co.'s notion house, No. 223 Church street, involved a loss of \$18,000. The fire on the 7th, at Askam's child's carriage factory, No. 150 Dock street, destroyed property valued at \$10,000. The most destructive fire of the month of May was at Lord's mills in Durby, when the loss footed no to \$100,000. On the 15th the fire at Neal & McBride's liquor store and F. Fuguet & Son's eigar and tobacco store, No. 216 S. Front street caused a loss of \$40,000 in all. On the 30th a fire at Schobert & Co.'s block factory, Twentyfifth Ward, destroyed property to the value of \$18,000. On June 9 the stable and carriage house of George E. Tyler, on Vaughan street, below Locust, were destroyed by fire, and the loss, which included ten horses and six car-riages, was estimated at \$15,000; the American Theatre, on Walnut street, above Eighth, was destroyed by fire on the 19th. In August there were three destructive fires. On the 16th the Good Intent Mill, West Philad-lphia, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000; on the 16th the spice mill of Henry & Fi-ber, Ninth street, above Girard avenue, was damaged, with stock to the extent of \$22,000; on the 19th Carr's dis tillery, on Willow street, below Second, was damaged, with stock and fixtures, to the amount of \$15,000. On October 23d a fire at Randolph & Jenke's ore, Letitla and Chesant streets, did damage to the extent of \$25,000. In December there were two fires attended with considerable loss; one on the 17th, at Braner & Brockman's cask factory. No. 248 N. Front street, which did damage to the extent of \$10.000, and one on the 21st, at the factory of Horn & Ellis, No. 307 Race street, which caused damage to the building and stock of that and other firms to the smount of \$15,000.

CONSTITUTIONAL UNION STATE CONVENTION .-The Constitutional Union Association of this city met last week, and adopted the following

Reso ved, That citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, without regard to former party predilections, who are in favor of the preservation of the Union, who are in favor of the preservation of the Union, with all the rights, dignity, and su-thority of the States perfect and unimpaired, the maintenance of the Constitution in all its parts as the supreme law of the land, who are opposed to negro suffrage, and who are epoosed the tyrannical and unconstitutional acts of Congress in creating a military despotism in ten States of the Union, by which every vestige of civil liberty has been effaced in these States, and giving three millions of igno-

nulfors of intelligent white men; who are tayor of an economical administration of affairs of the Government, State and National, in order that taxation may be reduced, and who desire to have peace, unity, and fraternity restored throughout the nation, are requested to elect delega es, double in number to their representation in the Sena e and House of Representatives, to a State Convention of the Constitutional Union party, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, on Thur day, the 20th day of February, 1868, to take such action as may be necessary to organize the party throughout the nation.

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA-ELEC-TION OF DEPTORMS.—The Annual Grand Communica-tion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Chesnut street, on Friday morn-ing, the 27th inst. (St. John's Day), Richard Vaux, actng R. W. Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers

The following named brethren, elected at the Quarterly Grand Communication held on the 4th instant, were duly installed in their respective stations in

were duly installed in their respective stations in ancient and solemn form:

Richard Vanx, R. W. Grand Master.
Robert A. Lamberton, R. W. D. G. Master.
Samuel C. Perkins, R. W. S. G. Warden.
Alfred R. Potter, R. W. J. G. Warden.
Peter Williamson, R. W. G. Treasurer.
John Thomson, R. W. G. Scretary.
The Grand Master then delivered a most impressive address. The R. W. Grand Master then made the following appointments for the present Masonic

the following appointments for the present Masonic year, viz:- Grand Chaplains.-Rev. John Chambers, William Suddards, R. H. Pattison, John Lindy, Philadelphia; W. H. Dinsmore, Schuylkill county; A. J. G. Dube, Lebigh county; George W. Machaughlin, Berks county; J. J. McHyar, Charles Watther, Pittsburg; Thomas J. Johnson, Lebanon county; T. Dongherty, Carlists

Senior Grand Deacon.-Harmanus Noff, Lodge No. 155, Philacelphia, Junior Grand Deacon.—Joseph N. Piersol, Lodge No. 67, Philadelphia. Grand Stewards.—William Noble, Lodge No. 45, Pittsburg; Charles L. Cornman, Lodge No. 190, Nor-Grand Marshal,-George W. Wood, Lodge No. 67,

Grand Sword Bearer,-Frederick S. Boas, Lodge Grand Pursuivant,-Joseph H. Boswell, Lodge No. Philadelphia, Grand Tyler.—Charles Schnider, Lodge No. 71,

MEETING OF CARPET MANUFACTURERS. - A meeting of manufacturers and operatives eneaged in the production of articles by hand-locms was held on Saturday evening, at the ball cerner of Frankford road and Thompson street, for the purpose of taking some action in reference to the tax upon their manufactures. Alexander Peck was appointed chairman, and

James W. Allen Secretary.

The chairman alluded to the object of the recting, and stated that he had conversed with Congressmen now in the city, who assured him hat they were in favor of a reduction of the

A petition, setting forth that it was the true interest of the Government to foster industry and develop the labor of the country, and that the manufacturers' tariff is oppressive to both in respect to the articles manufactured by them, and asking for the repeal of said tax from all articles produced by hand looms, was circulated and numerously signed.

A motion was made and carried that the different manufacturers should be taxed fifty cents on each loom used by them, in order to defrag any expense which might result in carrying out the designs of the meeting. During the evening remarks were made by several persons respecting the objects in ques-

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tion, and the meeting adjourned to reassemble

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CLEARED SATURDAY. Schr C W. May. Kinney. Aspinwall. Merchant St'r G. H. Stont, Ford, Washington, W. P. Clyde St'r Norfolk, Vance, Richmond,

Brig Merriwa, Waterbouse from Neuvitas 17th inst., with guano to G. W. Bernadou & Bro. Left harque Thos. Whitney, condemned, to be sold at auction 18th.

ARRIVED SATURDAY.
Schr Dauntless, Coombs, from Mayaguez, P.R., Dec.
5, with oranges to John B. Heyl & Co.
Echr M. A. McGahan, Call, from Boston, with mdss.
o cautaly. Schr J. S. Detwiler, Grace, from Newbern, N. C., Schr J. S. Detwiler, Grace, from Newbern, N. C., with lumber to Lathbury, Wickersham & Co. Steamer Elizabeth, Fowler, 18 hours from Balti-more, with mass. to A. Groves, Jr.

MEMORANDA.
Ship Sammeren, Anderson, from Liverpool for Phiadelphia, salled from Deal 14th lost.
Ship Memon, Baker, for Philadelphia 15th Inst., at ienos 12th inst. Ship Memnon, Baker, for Philadelphia isth inst., at Genos 17th inst.

Steamship Alliance, Kelly, for Philadelphia, sailed from Charleston Yesterday.

Steamship Tomwanda Jennings, for Philadelphia, cleared at Savannah 27th inst.

Barque Charles Gumm, Rogers, hence at Deal 12th inst., via St. Mary's, Ga., ior London and proceeded. Barque David Nichols, Devereux, from Bangor for Philadelphia, at Newport 27th inst.

Baique Anule Batchelder, Steelman, for Philadelphia cleared at New York 28th inst.

Brig Margaretha, Thesing, hence for Hamburg, put into St. Mary's Sicily, 9th inst., short of provisions.

Brig D. B. Deane, Vesey, for Philadelphia, shiled from Barbados 28th uit.

Brig Kurus, Yatea hence, at Boston 28th inst.

Brig George Amos, Ward, hence, at Portland 27th Instent.

nstent.

scir J. T. Weaver, Weaver, from Boston for Philaelphia, at Holmes' Hole 25th last, and sailed again.

schr J. A. Paraous, Clark, for Philadelphia, sailed

rm Charleston 28th last.

Schr C. Comery, Kunn, hence, at Portland 28th last,

Schr S. P. M. Taster, Allen, from Portamosth, at

cottand 26th last, to load for Philadelphia.

Schr E. N. Perry, Hamilton, hence, at Salem 25th

mitant.

Schr E. N. Ferry, Raminon, Rence, as Salem 2-th Ritant,
Schrs J. Maxfield, May, and M. D. Ireland, Ireland,
or Philadelubia cleared at New York 23th Inst.,
Schr J. Stockbam, Price hence, at Newport 25th Inst.,
Schr Millard Filimore, hence, at Newport 25th Inst.,
Schr Meile C. Paine, Doane, hence for Boston, at
Holmes' Hole 25th Inst.,
Schr Eva May, hence, at Portland 27th Inst.,
Schr Trade Wind, from Boston for Philadelphia,
salled from Bermuda 23th bit, put back 9th Inst.,
eaking, etc., and salled again on the 18th.
Schr Mary Eliza, Harris; G. Twinill, Miller; Getyahurg, Smith; and H. V. Simmona, hence, at Washington 15. C., 27th Inst.

tyshurg, Smith: and H. V. Simmons, hence, at wear, ington. D. C., 27th inst. Schr Silver Lake, Matthews, for Philadelphia zailed from Portsmouth 24th fust.

The Relief Lightvessei No. 9, was placed on the "Pollock hip" Shoal on the 21th test, to remain till the danages to the "Pollock Rip" Lightvessei by colligion with the steamer Neptune on the 21st lost, can be repaired. order of the Lighthouse Board, G. S. BLAKE. Lighthouse Inspector, 2d Dist. Boston, Dec. 26, 1867.

Notice is hereby given that the red Nun Buoy on South Breaker, approach to Penebacet Bay, Maine, has gone adrift from its moorings, and now lies on the rocks near White Head Light. It will be repl. ced ne soon as practicable.

The Lighthouse Board give official notice that a screw pile lighthouse has been erected at Jug Water Shoals, in the James River, Virgiola, to take the place of the one destroyed by ice last winter. It will be exhibited for the first time on the evening of the light of January, when the lightvessel now marking the station will be withfrawn. It should be seen he clear weather a distance of nine miles

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